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Re: Reissue Application For  
U.S. Patent No. 5,527,710 by Nacamulli et al.  
Our Ref. No. KM39091-70

Dear Ms. Nacamulli:

We represent IGEN, Inc. regarding the above-identified matter. As you may know, a patent application, of which you were a named inventor, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,527,710 on June 18, 1996. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,527,710 is attached. After issuance, the patent was reviewed and it was determined that the issued claims did not provide protection for the entire scope of the invention. Thus, we have been instructed to file the above-identified application to reissue U.S. Patent 5,527,710.

As stated above, the patent claimed less than the inventors had a right to claim. Specifically, the patented claims are insufficient in that they fail to claim the method for

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determining the time course of a reaction and method for determining concentration of a reactant set forth in the new proposed claims to be added in the reissue application (Attached). The new proposed claims do not recite steps (c) - (k) of patented claim 1 or limit the claims to a specific type of reaction.

Accordingly, we have enclosed an Inventor Declaration and Power of Attorney for your execution. The other named inventors, Jonathan K. Leland and Stephanie Hayes, will also execute copies of the Declaration. Please review the Declaration and enclosed documents and forward an executed Declaration to us at your earliest opportunity. We have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

  
Barry Evans

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Enclosure